

REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PROGRAM BETWEEN THE JAPAN PATENT OFFICE (JPO) AND THE USPTO

Application No.:	10/584,824	Filing Date:	February 27, 2009
First Named Inventor:	Hiroshi Yahata		
Attorney Docket No.:	P41723-03		

Title of the
Invention: Recording medium, reproduction apparatus, program, and reproduction method

THIS REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PPH PROGRAM ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EFS-WEB. INFORMATION REGARDING EFS-WEB IS AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://WWW.USPTO.GOV/EBC/efs_help.html](http://www.uspto.gov/EBC/efs_help.html).

APPLICANT HEREBY REQUESTS PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PROGRAM AND PETITIONS TO MAKE THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION SPECIAL UNDER THE PPH PROGRAM.

The above-identified application (1) validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more corresponding JPO application(s) or to a PCT application that does not contain any priority claim, or (2) is a national stage entry of a PCT application that does not contain any priority claim.

The JPO/PCT application number(s) is/are: JP2005-20716 Jan. 28, 2005, JP2005-20717 Jan. 28, 2005
JP2005-20718 Jan. 28, 2005, JP2005-20719 Jan. 28, 2005 and
JP2005-20720 Jan. 28, 2005

**The filing date of the JPO/
PCT application(s) is/are:** January 28, 2005

I. List of Required Documents:

- a. **A copy of the latest JPO office actions (other than "Decision to Grant a Patent") in the above-identified JPO application(s)**

☒ Is attached.

☐ Is not attached because the JPO application was allowed in a first office action.

*It is not necessary to submit a copy of the "Decision to Grant a Patent" and an English translation thereof.

- b. **A copy of all claims which were determined to be patentable by the JPO in the above-identified JPO application(s)**

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- c. **English translations of the documents in a. and b. above along with a statement that the English translations are accurate are attached (if the documents are not in the English language). An accuracy statement for the English translation of the documents in a. above is not required if the English translation is a machine translation provided by the JPO.**

- d. **(1) An information disclosure statement listing the documents cited in the JPO office actions**

☐ Is attached.

☐ Has already been filed in the above-identified U.S. application on

No prior art cited in JPO OA

(2) Copies of all documents (except for U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications)

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II. Claims Correspondence Table:

Claims in US Application	Patentable Claims in JPO Application	Explanation regarding the correspondence
1	1	sufficiently corresponds
2	2	sufficiently corresponds
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III. All the claims in the US application sufficiently correspond to the patentable/allowable claims in the JPO application.

Signature /Kerry Culpepper Reg. # 45,672/	Date June 24, 2010
Name (Print/Typed) Kerry Culpepper	Registration Number 45,672

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